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A DELUGE OF CITY PEOPLE

Eclipsing the Crowd Landed at Port Jervis Two Weeks Ago Saturday.

MILFORD AND MONTICELLO PRINCIPAL POINTS.

All Liveries Well Patronized Here—A Double Header Pulled the 12:15 Train to Monticello.

A deluge of people, eclipsing the number carried to Monticello two weeks ago, took passage from New York and landed at Port Jervis Saturday noon. Never before had the Monticello road seen such a day as they experienced on Saturday.

Two engines were necessary to pull six overloaded coaches, including two Pullman cars, up the mountain sides to that popular summer resort.

Baggage, consisting of trunks, grips, bicycles and baby carriages were piled on the train in every inch of space available excepting on the roofs of the cars.

A special coach was run through from N. Y. on the Erie to St. Joseph's Sanitarium for the accommodation of 60 Sisters of St. Catharine's Hospital of Brooklyn. Each week special cars are run for them carrying from 50 to 150 to and from that beautiful and health-giving resort.

Findley's stage line run several extra wagons to Port Jervis for guests who came in large numbers on every N. Y. train. Lumber wagons had to be made use of for carting baggage as all platform wagons were run for people only.

Erie trains for Niagara Falls and western points were heavily loaded and were invariably late.

The one dollar excursion to New York and return on Sunday was largely patronized and carried an enormous number of excursionists from P. J. and Middletown. A special baggage car was attached to this train for bicycles, and a special ferry boat was run for the accommodation of all who desired a short sail up the Hudson to Grant's Tomb. The return trip was made from Chambers St., N. Y. at 7:40 p. m.

L. A. W. Notes.

With the growth of the Pennsylvania division, which is now over 1500 ahead of New York in L. A. W. membership, it has been necessary to look for ways and means by which unnecessary expenses might be curtailed in order to provide funds for the really necessary expenses to carry on the affairs of the divisions and keep it in its present leading position. With this idea in view the secretary-treasurer has suggested two amendments which will be acted upon at a special meeting of the State representatives to be held at the Bourse Building in Philadelphia on the 24th inst., and as the benefits to be derived are self apparent they will pass without opposition.

The first of these amendments does away with the useless expense of printing and postage for ballots for the election of delegates which are returned "unchanged" year after year from all over the State. The value of such an amendment can easily be seen, considering the fact that it takes some \$250 for the printing and postage of these same ballots.

"Last season," claims the secretary-treasurer, "the returns were almost identical with those of the previous year, there being only two changes made in the entire divisions will save the expense of sending out these slips when such action becomes a matter of form, though of course any number of nominations may still be made. Where there is more than one candidate, or set of candidates, for any office the election will naturally be conducted by printed ballot mailed to all members as before."

The other amendments asks for the striking out of the section providing for hotel expenses to the delegates to the State conventions. This is found necessary, owing to the number of delegates and is more-over nothing but just when it is taken into consideration that the delegates elected to represent this division at the National Assembly, wherever it may be held, are obliged to pay their own expenses.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Dr. Kenworthy now sports a new pneumatic wagon.

Miss Maria Peters, of Bushkill, was stricken with paralysis July 14.

The front of Kelly's hotel has lately been decorated with three new street lamps.

Rev. G. E. Gillespie, of Port Jervis, will exchange pulpits with Rev. Thos. Nichols next Sabbath morning.

Miss Edith Lewis drives a very neat establishment in the way of a handsome black horse and rubber tired wagon.

Louisa Gibbons is quite seriously ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nyce in Milford Twp.

Mrs. Dr. Price, of Branchville, and son visited a day in Milford this week.

Uncle Tom's Cabin showed at P. J. Monday afternoon and evening giving a good performance each time.

W. E. Armstrong, of New York, visited his parents Milt Armstrong and wife last Sunday.

From Oct. 4th, 1899, to July 20th, 1899, there have been 148 marriage licenses granted by Clerk Westbrook.

David Chapin smiled again on his many Milford friends this week.

Miss Lucretia Lewis gave a very pleasant little entertainment last Saturday evening to those who took part in the play recently given for the benefit of the Milford Lyceum.

The half man and half horse curiosity, exhibited on Front street, is drawing fair sized crowds nightly charging but 10 cents admission.

Charles Quinn, of Dingman, is reported to have announced himself a Democratic candidate for County Treasurer.

Robert H. Smith and William Spokers, of Paterson, visited Herbert Kent last week, on returning, walked back through the sands of Jersey.

The Rebekahs, of Milford, entertained a delegation of their sisters from Port Jervis last Friday night, in Browns Hall. Refreshments were served and all had a happy social time.

We are in receipt of the Annual report of the Secretary of Internal affairs for 1898, through the courtesy of Hon. James W. Latta.

John Gourlay received a black eye from the effects of being hit by the ball while the teams were practicing before the game on Saturday.

Margaret Elizabeth Broadhead, wife of H. W. Bradley, of Denver Colo, died at the residence of her father Capt. Edgar Broadhead in Port Jervis Monday morning July 17th, aged about 42 years.

Frank Buckley of Delaware Twp., fell from his wheel Thursday evening, July 14, while riding down Hartford street in this borough, and besides receiving quite a severe cut above the eye had his collar bone fractured.

The annual midsummer meeting of the Minisink Valley Historical Society will take place at Caudbeck's grove to-morrow, July 22. Addresses will be made by Graham Witschiel, Esq., of N. Y., Dr. C. W. Banks, of Port Jervis, and others.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Milford post-office for week ending July 22, 1899: Mrs. Lucia Bender, Mrs. N. M. Pearce, Mrs. S. S. Randall, Mrs. Shophine, Mrs. William Wood, Mrs. Celia Vincent, Mr. Roscoe Hart Shaw, Jacob Hay, D. W. Van Auker.

Carpenter A. T. Seeley has been making great improvement to the cottage of Mrs. G. P. Van Wyck, on Ann street. Another story has been added to part of it and the porch rebuilt. When C. H. Wood and his assistants have retouched it with fresh paint it will present a handsome appearance.

Miss E. Grace Laurent, of Scranton, whose parents, John and Hannah Laurent, were formerly residents of Dingman Twp. in this county, was married at Bloomsburg, Friday, July 14th, to Charles L. Williams by Rev. J. D. Smith, pastor of the Baptist church. The bride has for several years been a teacher in the Scranton public schools, and she has many friends in this county who will wish for her a happy and prosperous married life.

Miss Anna Law, of Scranton, Pa., is visiting Miss Susie Nichols at the Parsonage.

Herbert Alton, of Brooklyn, is at the Crissman House for a stay of several weeks.

Dr. H. B. Reed and son Howard are spending a day or so in New York city.

W. Irving Day, of Ridgewood, N. J., is spending several weeks at the Bluff House.

Hon John D. Biddis arrived in town this week from Washington, to spend a three week vacation with his family here.

A full account of the entertainment, given in Browns Hall last evening (Thursday) for the benefit of the Presbyterian organ fund, will be given in The Press next week.

FOR SALE—Horse, carriage and harness. Apply to JOHN L. GOUB-LAY, Milford Pa.

The stone work for County Line Bridge, at Hawley, was sold to Anthony Van Anken of Tafton, Pike Co. for the sum of \$389.

The County Commissioners went to Hawley Tuesday where they met the commissioners of Wayne to sell the building of the abutments and guard walls of the bridge at Cromwelltown.

Bicycle Repairing quickly done at Rutans.

The North German Lloyd people have just ordered a passenger vessel which will be 700 feet long, 70 feet in beam and is to make twenty three and a half knots with engines of 36,000 horse power.

Moses Gumaer, of Sandyston, N. J., made a pleasant call at the Press office this week. He says that small fruits are plentiful and fine in his section, but the peach crop will be a total failure.

An informal meeting of parties interested in a proposed railroad up the valley was held Thursday at Bushkill, and was attended by several gentlemen from Easton and other places who seem quite sanguine that the project will materialize soon into actual visible fact.

Eleven correspondents of papers at Manila have signed a statement to the effect that the dispatches sent by General Otis to the Government do not represent the true state of affairs there, and that the declaration made by him that "the situation is well in hand" and "the assumption that the insurrection can be speedily ended without a greatly increased army is an error. If the charges are not true the correspondents will be ordered from the island, and if true Otis will be removed.

Row boats are a scarce article in and about Port Jervis at this time of the year. It seems they can't be obtained for love nor money, and they are often borrowed at different places along the shore and forgotten to be returned.

After several meetings and discussions over the matter, it was finally concluded this week to seat the Sunday School room of the Presbyterian church with chairs. A committee consisting of Mrs. J. H. Van Eten, Miss Helen Biddis and Jacob Klaser went to Port Jervis this week to make the selection, and no doubt, the old pews will be replaced with the more modern furniture.

A farmer from near Milford was held up Sunday on Catharine street, not by highwaymen, but by something in a hemp bag lying in the middle of the street which was inclined to move quite briskly. His horse refusing to pass it he dismounted from the wagon and going up to the bag opened it and found to his surprise a small, shaggy-haired dog which had evidently refused to obey orders and had been placed there to be run over as punishment. He freed the dog and it ran home.

A Port Jervis shoe man littered our streets and sidewalks this week with large dodgers, advertising wonderful bargains. If you want fair treatment and good value for your money consult the advertising columns of the Press, and eschew those merchants who prefer to seduce trade with paper to doing a regular business in a live and lot live manner. If they want Milford trade let them ask for it through the home papers.

Finned Under a Log for Three Hours.

Christopher Holden about eighteen years of age, son of Nicholas Holden, of Dingman township, met with a painful accident on Saturday last while loading logs in the woods some distance from the house. He had been making a certain number of trips daily, being a long time overdue his mother became very much worried and sent Will., who happened to be home, to look for him.

When found he was pinned to the ground under a log twenty-two feet long and was unable to move. Will immediately freed him from his perilous condition. His right leg was found to be broken and his chest badly bruised. He was removed to the house and Dr. Emer son called, who set the limb.

When discovered by his brother, Chris, he was perfectly conscious and related how it had all happened. While loading the log from the skidway to the wagon his cant-hook slipped, the log swung round and one end pinned him fast.

The limb was set with little or no difficulty and the physician expects a speedy knitting of the bone.

Barns at the Sussex Co. Almshouse Burned.

(From Our Layton Correspondent.)

During the heavy thunder shower on Wednesday afternoon of last week the barn at the Sussex Co Alms house was struck by lightning and burned. The main barn was 50 feet square, with 20 foot posts, and set on a quarried stone foundation. The cow barn attached was 50 x 40 feet with 18 foot posts. Near by was another cow barn and machine house 60 x 20 feet with 14 foot posts. These were all burned.

In the main barn was 5,000 sheaves of rye, and about 50 tons of hay, both old and new. Owing to there being several persons in the basement, where they had just finished milking, the 38 cows, 1 bull and 5 head of horses were gotten out in safety. The farm machinery was also saved with the exception of a fodder cutter and a threshing machine, harness, heavy spring wagon and three lumber wagons.

Although there were six persons in the building at the time it was struck, none of them received any serious injury from the shock. The loss to the county will be considerable as the insurance of \$3,000 does not more than half cover the loss. The set of buildings burned cost new over \$7,000, and it does not look like good business methods to have carried so light an insurance where the risks are so great.

Fireman Injured

Fireman Skinner met with a painful accident on Friday last at Port Jervis while attempting to jump from a coal car to the baggage car on his train. His head struck the top of the baggage car, it being somewhat lower than the coal car, and he fell to the ground injuring his hip quite badly and scraping the skin off the whole length of his shin. He was picked up by the engineer. Another fireman had to be substituted for Skinner who went home.

Base Ball Game.

An interesting base ball game took place on the grounds on Fifth St. Saturday last between the Kolinoor nine and Milford team. The game was witnessed by a good sized crowd and applause was rendered for every star play. The score at the ending of the seventh inning stood 11 to 4 in favor of Milford team.

Here is Your Opportunity!

To take a cheap ride over the famous Gravity road from Honesdale. The Erie will give the people of Milford and vicinity an opportunity to take this grand trip at the low fare of one dollar for the round trip, with a special train leaving P. J. at 9:15 a. m. Thursday, July 27, and run through to Carbondale, returning leave Carbondale 4 p. m. Do not miss this excursion as it may be your last opportunity for the Gravity road will be a thing of the past. Remember the date, July 27 and rate only one dollar for the round trip.

Adjourned Court.

Judges Purdy, Houck and Klaser held an adjourned court July 14 at which the following business was transacted.

Petition of E. Vandermark Sheriff to increase compensation for care of prisoners confined in county jail, the allowance now being 25 cents per diem for board. The Court ordered an allowance of 15 cents additional for care for each prisoner.

E. C. Mumford Esq. of Wayne Co. admitted to practice in several courts of Pike.

A Estelle Strader vs. Jacob W. Strader decree in divorce made.

Supervisors of Milford Twp. file a statement showing indebtedness of \$78.77 and ask order of Court to levy a tax to pay same, Court direct a levy of 3 mills.

Petition of Pauline F. Friehe minor child of Geo. A. Friehe decd. for appointment of guardian. Court appointed W. F. Beck and fixed bond at \$2000.

Petition of Mary M. Kleinhaus administratrix of Jacob Kleinhaus decd. for sale of real estate to pay debts, sale ordered and bond fixed at \$4000.

Erie R. R. Co. vs Decker and West equity, answer and recapitulation having been filed, case continued.

Resignation of Almer Terwilliger as constable of Milford Borough presented, and George Smith appointed to fill vacancy.

No venises were ordered for Oct. Court rose.

Crop Conditions.

An absence of rain over a large part of the Gulf and South Atlantic States has intensified the previously reported drought conditions in those sections, more particularly over the interior portions of the central and east Gulf states, middle Tennessee, and the western portions of the Carolinas, while excessive and continuous rains over central Wisconsin have proved unfavorable. Corn has suffered from the drought and failed rapidly in the South Atlantic, central and Eastern Gulf States including central Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia and in North Carolina it is a damaged beyond recovery. In Texas there will be a good crop as also in the Middle Atlantic and generally in the great corn states of the central valleys. Spring and summer wheat promises a fair crop, and oats are generally promising.

Potatoes in the East will be a good crop, while South and West they do not promise so well.

The hay crop, while good in sections, is generally below the average and will be a short crop.

A Risky Business.

An old Erie employee was interviewed by a Press representative soon after the occurrence of the railroad accident at Port Jervis last week on his profession, viz. railroad, and as to whether there was a greater risk of life connected with the making up of trains, braking, firing, engineering, etc., etc., than at any other industry or enterprise. He said: "I know of no man at work on the Erie Railroad or any other railroad that hasn't at some time met with an accident of some kind, if it was nothing more than the losing of a finger, which of course is a very small matter."

"I have helped carry men off the track with legs off, some with heads severed from the body, others all cut to pieces when it was a difficult task to distinguish whether it be a human being, the clothing only saving to make the distinction."

One or two railroad men were brought to his memory as not having yet been injured, but he exclaimed they had miraculously escaped so far, and if they continued in the business it seemed impossible for them to miss injury.

He also said he had been in the employ of the Erie road for a long, long time and was a careful handler of trains, but, nevertheless some few years ago he himself was pinned under a car dump until life was almost extinct. One shoulder was crushed and he received several bad cuts and bruises.

The accidents of last week at P. J. were horrible in the extreme, but were doubtless due to carelessness to an extent.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smear Your Lips Away. If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, send me well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50¢ or \$1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

THE MONTAGUE CHURCH.

A Brief Historical Sketch Prepared By Rev. S. W. Mills.

We are pleased to copy from the Port Jervis Gazette a brief history of this old church which was founded thirty-nine years before the Revolutionary war, which sketch was especially written for that paper.

The Reformed Dutch Church, of Minisink, at Montague, was organized August 23d, 1737, by George Wilhelmus Manclus, of Esopus, now Kingston. At the same time and by the same person were organized the Reform Dutch Churches of Mahackamach, or Deerpark, of Walpack and of Smithfield. For four years after the organization of these churches they were without a pastor, but depended on occasional supplies.

The first pastor of the four, jointly, was the Rev. Johannes Casparus Fryenmoet, born in Switzerland, and who was settled June 1st, 1741. His most acceptable services in this widely extended field continued for 15 years until he was driven out by the Indian massacres prevailing in this region in August, 1756. When and where the first house of worship for the Minisink church was erected we have been unable to learn.

After Mr. Fryenmoet's departure the church was vacant for four years, until 1760, when the Rev. Thomas Romeyn became the second pastor in connection with the other churches, and remained such for twelve years when, in consequence of the disturbed state of the country, growing out of the coming revolution, he accepted a call from Montgomery county.

The third pastor was the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten, who became such in 1785, closing his services here in 1799.

The fourth minister was the Rev. John Demarest, from 1803 to 1808. The Rev. C. C. Elting was the next from 1816 to 1837, in connection with Port Jervis. The Rev. S. B. Ayres succeeded Mr. Elting and remained the sole pastor for three yrs.

Since then the church has had numerous pastors, having congregated, after 100 years of joint service with other churches, to have its own pastor. The succeeding clergymen have been: Revs. J. Bookstaver, J. T. Demarest, D. A. Jones, C. Gates, W. Cornell, W. L. Moore, W. Turner, T. Fitzgerald, J. L. Stillwell, Joseph Millet and Gilbert Lane.

Cure for Ivy Poisoning.

So many persons are susceptible to poisoning by ivy that frequently the pleasure of rambles in the woods is greatly diminished through fear of being injured. The poisoning principle of the plant is a volatile oil which adheres very closely to the skin and clothing of persons coming in contact with it. A wash made of an alcoholic solution of acetate of lead; fifty to seventy-five per cent alcohol is recommended in which sugar of lead (lead acetate) is dissolved, until the alcohol will hold no more in solution. Application should be made several times in the course of two or three days. The solution will give immediate relief. Great care must be taken in using the sugar of lead, as it is very poisonous taken internally.

Drowned Near Fallings Springs.

Lewis Gordon, of West Pittston Pa., a brother of Jervis Gordon of our town, was drowned in the Susquehanna river opposite Fallings Springs, during the height of a heavy rainstorm which struck that locality Wednesday July 12. In company with R. H. Green he had gone up the river on a fishing trip, and about 4 p. m. a squall struck and capsized the boat. Both men were thrown out, and the noise of the falling rain and the waves on the shore drowned the cries. Green grasped the boat and was saved, but Mr. Gordon who was a good swimmer struck out for the shore. His advanced age 75 yrs was too great a handicap and his strength gave out and he sank to rise no more. He was a printer by trade having learned the business in the office of the Belvidere Apollo, and in 1858 became its owner. Subsequently he sold out, went to Easton and became proprietor of the Farmer and Press. At the time of his death he was connected with a Pittston paper. He leaves a widow one son and two daughters.

ONCE A MIGHTY INDUSTRY.

Among the many once flourishing tannery towns of New York State there are very few whose inhabitants earn their daily bread wholly through this industry. In all parts of the country there are reminiscences showing signs of once extensive buildings made mostly from stones picked from the land and converted into structures, none of the large rude timbers being left which were at first cut and hauled from the forest with bark stripped off, to be made more serviceable, having long since decayed and vanished.

This was indeed a great industry and through which millions of dollars were made in the earlier days when bark was plenty and leather sold for a high price.

For an example of one of these small but thriving tanning towns Gilman's Station, lately renamed St. Joseph's after the Sanitarium recently erected near that place, located on the P. J., M. & N. Y. R. R. about eighteen miles from Port Jervis, might be taken. This village was founded by W. W. Gilman in the early part of 1871 and for over twenty years run a successful tanning establishment before the bark supply began to exhaust. Besides the tannery there were also two big saw-mills that were in constant motion from daylight till dark sawing logs into lumber. During parts of the year as high as three and four carloads of lumber were shipped to Port Jervis and numerous other points, thousands of feet being purchased by Milford builders and houses constructed from it, many of which are still standing, and aside from remodeling bears signs of good preservation to-day.

At present all that remains of Gilman's Station is an old shanty used for a depot, one or two tumble-down buildings occupied by people who have lived there since childhood. W. W. Gilman died about thirteen years ago leaving a vast fortune to his son A. H., who is now located in N. Y. city.

On the right side of the railroad as one goes toward Monticello, the first and biggest heap of ruins coming to view is the old tannery quite demolished, the walls still standing and parts of the wood work yet unharmed other than being very much settled. A few yards over on the same side on what might be called the principal street are parts of houses standing with here and there nothing more than a cellar wall to mark a once cosy farm house. Garden spots are not to be found having grown up in almost the same shape as before they were first cleared. Although there is considerable meadow land in the vicinity, none can be seen from the railroad. But, it is doubtful if there is a more valuable tract of park land in New York State than this could be made.

Even the steam whistle that once called men to work and discharged them when the days' work was finished, has been taken away and made use of in another place. It is more than interesting to some people who are strangers in the country and travel that way in the summer, to look over the ruins of Gilman's Station and think what a difference time has made and the changes it has brought about in the course of a few years.

If only the water power that turned the old wheels in the tannery was utilized the possibilities of money making would indeed be great. Or if this land could fall into the hands of the Goulds, Vanderbilts or other park promoters with plenty of money behind them, a second Tuxedo could be founded with far better hunting and fishing than can be found most anywhere in the State.

Real Estate Transfers.

George B. Simons and others, to Samuel Simons, dated Sept. 2, 1875. 113 acres, Greene, part of the estate of James Simons, dec'd. Con. \$19-34.

Delaware & Hudson Canal Company to C. W. Bull, dated July 13. Piece of land, etc., at lock No. 18. Con. \$350.

Fanny Montemont and husband, to Bertha Montemont, dated July 17. 81 acres, Dingman Twp. Con. \$1.

Levi Shaw et al. trustees to William Kelley, dated May 18, lands in Pike county, ten thousand acres known as the Shaker lands. Con. \$25,000.

STOP SMOKING

The Modern Method.
"It is an awful thing not to know where one's next meal is coming from."
"Yes, but a good many of us married men are experiencing it since the grocery stores got to advertising bargain sales."—Indianapolis Journal.